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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Isao Saito et al.

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Art Unit: 1623

For: NUCLEOSIDE RELEASING FUNCTIONAL  
UNIT THROUGH OXIDATION AND  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDE CONTAINING  
THEREOF

Examiner: P. T. Lewis

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.